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**In the Specifications:**

Please replace the paragraph of page 5, with the following rewritten paragraph:

— FIG. 5 shows an alternative method of securing the dunnage puncture point cover 20 to the pole 5. It is a slot method in which the open end 100 of the dunnage puncture point cover 20 has a lip 110 with has two slots 107 that are opposite from each other. The lip 110 has four raised edges 115 that are perpendicular to the lip 110 and next to the slots 107. The raised edge 112 to the left of the slot 107 are long edges that runs at least 1'. The raised edges 114 to the right of the slots 107 is approximately 1/4" high. The pole has two knobs 117 just below the dunnage puncture point 15. These knobs 117 are on opposite sides of the pole 5. Just below the knobs 117 is a ring mechanism, which consists of a top ring 120, a spring 125 and a bottom ring 130. The bottom ring 130 is fixed to the pole 5. The spring 125 is connected to the bottom ring 130 and the top ring 120 through a connecting means such as a weld. The top ring 120 is not connected to the pole 5 with a hole in the center of the ring so that it is not touching the pole 5. When the dunnage puncture point cover 20 is to be used in this embodiment, the knobs 117 fit into the slots 107. The bottom of the cover will touch the top ring 120 and will compress the spring 125 down. This will create an upward force against the cover 20. Once compressed, the cover 120 is turned 90 degrees to the right and released. This will secure the cover 20 through the compression of the spring 124 securing the knobs 107 between the edges ~~112~~ 112 and 114. --

Please replace the paragraph of page 6, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--FIG. 6 shows another method of securing the dunnage puncture point cover 20 over the dunnage puncture point 15. The dunnage puncture point cover 20 is place over the dunnage puncture point 20. It is secured by a hook mechanism-~~140~~ 146 that is latched to a knob 135.--